

Minutes of October 5, 2026, Hampton City Council Workshop

The Hampton City Council Workshop was called to order at the Hampton City Council Chambers by Mayor Birdsall at 6:00 p.m. The workshop was also offered electronically through Zoom and YouTube. Council members in attendance were Jim Davies, Jeanne Fay, Bill Holmstrom, Barry Lamos and Kristin Roode. Jerre Grefe was absent. Also present were City Manager Ron Dunt, Police Chief Mark Morrison, and Public Works Director Doug Tarr. Mayor Birdsall invited those present to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the U.S. flag.

Mayor Birdsall offered time for public comment. There was none.

City Manager Dunt announced that the **dog license fee waiver ended on September 25**. The fee for a dog license is \$8.00 for a dog that is not spayed or neutered and \$5.00 for a dog that is spayed or neutered.

Chief Morrison presented a **draft of an e-bike ordinance**. The ordinance is based on state law. The council discussed various aspects of the draft ordinance and provided input to Chief Morrison. Chief Morrison will look into the requested changes and the council will consider at a future workshop.

John Robbins, Senior Planner at NIACOG, reviewed the Planning & Zoning Commission recommendation for **Comprehensive Plan amendment for data center policy**. A proposed update of the future land use map and a Comprehensive Plan Amendment: Data Center Policy were presented. The council reviewed and discussed the information presented. City Manager Dunt explained that the Comprehensive Plan is a high-level policy, the Ordinance will be more regulatory, and tighter restrictions will be part of the development agreement. The council's next step is the council holding a public hearing. At the next council meeting, the council will set the public hearing. A notice of public hearing will be published.

At 6:45 pm Mayor Birdsall announced that the council would be going into **closed session** and asked the public to leave the room. Motion by Faye, second by Davies to close the session pursuant to **Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j)** to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure would be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. Roll call vote. Ayes; Fay, Holmstrom, Roode, Lamos and Davies. Nays; none. Absent; Grefe. Motion was approved unanimously at 6:48 pm.

Motion by Davies, second by Roode to **reopen** the council session at 7:12 pm. Roll call vote. Ayes; Fay, Holmstrom, Roode, Lamos and Davies. Nays; none. Absent; Grefe. Motion approved.

The workshop ended at 7:12 p.m.